

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1810

February 16, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a hybrid learning pilot program. Defines “hybrid learning” as an educational model under which a blend of digital resources, classroom teaching, and peer collaboration are used to create a personalized learning environment for every student; the goal of which is to deliver cost-effective, individualized instruction. Authorizes LEAs to apply for and receive hybrid learning grants. Sets forth the goals of LEA established hybrid learning programs and the requirements that the LEA must meet in the application process. Sets forth what hybrid learning programs shall include. Requires DOE to make an annual report on hybrid learning programs to the Governor, the Finance, Ways, and Means Committees, and the Education Committees of the General Assembly. Requires the annual report to include certain data and information.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$2,000/One-Time
\$264,500/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- DOE will require one position to administer the hybrid learning grant program. This position will include salary (\$75,000) and benefits (\$17,010); a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$92,010 (\$75,000 + \$17,010).
- One-time state expenditures associated with equipment for the additional position is estimated to be \$2,000.
- DOE estimates that five grants of \$25,000 will be awarded annually; a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$125,000 (\$25,000 x 5).
- DOE anticipates the director of the program will travel the state, making site visits several times a month. The recurring increase in state expenditures for travel and per diem is estimated to be \$13,521.
- DOE indicates the Department will bring together cohorts of staff from LEAs that receive hybrid learning grants an estimated eight times each year. The recurring increase in state expenditures for cohort meetings is estimated to be \$33,960 for meals, hotel, and parking for meeting participants. Cohort meetings will be held in Nashville.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$264,491 (\$92,010 + \$125,000 + \$13,521 + \$33,960).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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